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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்தப் பாலாறு சம்பந்தமாக செக்ஷன் 263-ப்படி மத்திய அர்சாங்கத்திற்கு எழுதியாகிவிட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We propose to address them."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Do the Government know that three gold mines in Kolar have been closed down and that the water used by those mines has been impounded by the Mysore State? Further, to-day's papers carry the news that most of the mining activities in Mysore State will come to an end because of the royalty imposed by the Government being doubled, and it is likely that the water used by them also may be impounded by the Mysore State? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have no information about these things. Only the Council we have asked for can go into all this."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Considering the great importance of this matter, may I suggest that we have a half-hour discussion on this subject so that we can know and appreciate the present position clearly? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" May I say a word, Sir? This is an inter-State problem and I do not think any discussion here will lead to any solution. It may be left to the Government to tackle it as best as they can. Perhaps a discussion here may create further difficulties."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I do not think any discussion will help as the Hon. the Finance Minister has said. We can have as many supplementaries as we want. Any half-hour discussion will not enable the Government to arrive at any agreement with the other State."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask whether the Government of India are sympathetic with regard to the position taken up by the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I am not a mind-reader."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Where is the need for a half-hour debate, when there is not even one more supplementary forthcoming? " (Laughter.)

Supply of water from Mysore State into Palar river for irrigation in North Arcot and Chingleput districts.

* 275 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the North

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Arcot-Chingleput Ryots' Conference held in the Madras State in December 1954 regarding supply of water from Mysore State into Palar river for irrigation in the above two districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of India were addressed by the Government of Madras to use their good offices towards a satisfactory agreement with the Government of Mysore in this matter and with what result;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have addressed a communication to the Madras Government regarding the sharing of the waters of the Palar river; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table of the House;

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to bring about an early settlement between Mysore and Madras Governments so that the supply of waters to the Palar river from Mysore might be assured without interception; and

(e) whether this was referred to the Government of India by the Madras Government for decision under Article IV of the 1892 agreement between Madras and Mysore Governments and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) A memorandum on the subject setting forth the resolutions passed at the North Arcot-Chingleput Ryots' Conference held at Kaveripakkam on 26th December 1954 has been received in January 1955."

" (b) No representation was sent to the Union Government as assumed in the question but while sending a reply to that Government on a reference from them, in June 1954 this Government requested them to use their good offices in the matter of supply to this Government of full and correct information by Mysore regarding the capacity of and the use of waters in the works in the Palar basin in Mysore limits.

" (c) No. No useful purpose will be served by placing copies of the correspondence on the subject on the table of the House.

" (d) This Government are now considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies. The proposal envisages the Council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved.

" (e) No. There is no case at present for action under the Article quoted."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister enlighten us when this matter will be taken up with the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We are proposing to addres them. Any time we will send the communication."

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" How do the Government reconcile the two propositions—a half-hour debate will not help the solution of the problem; at the same time, the Revenue Minister presiding over a conference can help to solve the problem? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I only participated in it."

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" When the half-hour debate cannot solve it, we do not claim that a conference can solve it."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" It was said that the Government of India would be addressed. Instead of making a specific proposal, will it not be good if Ministers are left free to negotiate with the Government of India and the Mysore Government? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Mysore Government say in reply to repeated representations that they have not violated the agreement. We are unable to get further information. Therefore we have got to approach the Government of India to help us more or less as an arbitrating body. After they appoint a Council and after that Council goes into the question and gives its findings, we must take further action. That Council has to go into the agreement and see whether it has been violated or the terms of the agreement abused. After its findings are available, we can ask the Government of India to interfere or intervene on our behalf and remedy the whole situation. Till then nothing can be done."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Even if there is no violation of the agreement, cannot this Government make a representation to the Central Government to see that the whole question is reconsidered and the agreement entered into long ago re-examined and that a new agreement is entered into so as to allow us a reasonable supply of water from Palar? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All these things will come afterwards. We need not waste our time over it now. The Council is more or less a fact-finding committee and let it gather particulars. Afterwards let us think about all this."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works take a trip to Delhi and make a personal approach to the Government of India in the Ministries concerned? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That will not help much. After all we are now asking for the constitution of a fact-finding body. We are not going to make any representation supplying fresh facts. No extra facts will be placed at their disposal. Any personal trip on my part to Delhi will not serve any purpose but I have no objection to make a trip to Delhi on a holiday if the hon. Member wants it."

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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Are the Government of Madras entitled to any compensation if it is found that the Government of Mysore have violated the agreement? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All that will arise only after the fact-finding body gives its opinion."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government forward a copy of the Council proceedings on this subject to the Central Government along with their communication requesting the constitution of the Arbitration Council? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Proceedings of this House? "

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know when this Government approached the Government of India under Article 263 for the appointment of a Council for co-ordination between the two States? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is proposed. We are going to address the Government of India."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I suggest that you appoach the Government of India as quickly as possible to take action under Article 263 of the Constitution? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We are proposing to do it almost immediately."

Electric current charges for the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress.

* 276 *Q.*—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred by the Government in giving electric connexions and on account of electric current charges for the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the agreement, if any, entered into between the Government and the Indian National Congress for the supply of electricity?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 4,193 was incurred on account of laying lines, etc., in giving temporary supply of electricity to the 60th Session of the Indian National Congress at Avadi and a sum of Rs. 7,673–13-0 is payable by the Reception Committee towards current consumption charges. According to the rules governing temporary supply of electricity such expenditure will have to be reimbursed by the consumer. The Reception Committee has already paid Rs. 8,210 on this account and the balance will be collected expeditiously.